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**AMENDMENT A AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

This amendment for the patent application identified above is in response to the  
Office Action dated February 27, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for response  
that expires on May 27, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are addressed on page 8 and begin after page 16 of this  
paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

Kindly amend this application as indicated herein.